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SUBJECT: ENERGY: LIBERIAN OIL TRADE DATA

REF: STATE 251108 OF 12/27/73

1. LIBERIA HAS NO DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL OR NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION. OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE PAST AND AT LEAST TWO NOW CURRENT, BUT NO ACTIVE SEARCH NOW UNDERWAY. ONLY PETROLEUM REFINERY IS 4 MILLION BARREL PER YEAR FACILITY OF LIBERIA REFINING CO. (LRC), A SUBSIDIARY OF SUNOCO, LOCATED IN MONROVIA. THIS PLANT NOW OPERATING AT OR VERY NEAR FULL CAPACITY AND HAS REPUTEDLY BEEN "GUARANTEED" ADEQUATE CRUDE SUPPLIES FOR CY 1975 FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

2. MOST RECENT OFFICIAL GOL DATA ON PETROLEUM EXPORTS IS FOR CY 1972, AS FOLLOWS:

LIBERIAN PETROLEUM EXPORTS - 1972

COMMODITY AND DESTINATION	QUANTITY	VALUE
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MOTOR SPIRIT AND GASOLINE, BBLs.

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GUINEA	7,458	\$ 99,050
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SIERRA LEONE	74	\$	844
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TOTAL	7,622	\$	99,894
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RESIDUAL FUEL OILS, BBLs.

SENEGAL	207	\$	808
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LEBANON	20	\$	80
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TOTAL	227	\$	888
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LUBRICATING GREASES, LBS.

IVORY COAST	1,000	\$	650
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GHANA	104	\$	110
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TOTAL	1,104	\$	760
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NON-LUBRICATING OILS N.E.Z.

GUINEA	N/A	\$	1,100
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SIERRA LEONE	N/A		236
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TOTAL	N/A	\$	1,336
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MANUFACTURED NATURAL GAS

SIERRA LEONE	N/A	\$	3,200
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TOTAL	N/A	\$	3,200
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3. MOST RECENT OFFICIAL GOL DATA ON PETROLEUM IMPORTS ALSO
FOR CY 1972, AS FOLLOWS:

LIBERIAN PETROLEUM IMPORTS - 1972

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COMMODITY AND ORIGIN	QUANTITY	VALUE
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CRUDE PETROLEUM, BBLs. TOTAL

(ALL SAUDI ARABIA)	3,329,728	\$9,445,322
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PARTLY REFINED PETROLEUM, BBLs.

IRAN	191,198	\$ 736,113
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OTHER	2,600	\$ 5,791
TOTAL	193,798	\$ 741,904

AVIATION SPIRIT AND GASOLINE, BBLs.

UNITED KINGDOM	2,299	\$ 17,459
JAMAICA	1,908	\$ 12,945
MOROCCO	1,672	\$ 11,696
OTHER	2,372	\$ 16,215
TOTAL	8,251	\$ 58,315

MOTOR SPIRIT AND GASOLINE, BBLs

U.S.A.	1,146	\$ 8,704
UNITED KINGDOM	217	\$ 3,282
TOTAL	1,363	\$ 11,986

JET FUEL, KEROSENE TYPE, BBLs

TOTAL (ALL USA)	58	\$ 221
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KEROSENE BBLs

TOTAL (ALL USA)	257	\$ 1,800
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DISTILLATED FUEL OILS, BBLs

U.S.A.	668	\$ 2,377
UNITED KINGDOM	83	\$ 421
TOTAL	751	\$ 2,798

RESIDUAL FUEL OILS, BBLs.

TOTAL (ALL SWEDEN)	1,014	\$ 3,956
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LUBRICATING OILS, BBLs

TOTAL (PRIMARILY US,	72,535	\$1,597,322
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BENELUX, UK)

LUBRICATING GREASES, LBS

TOTAL (PRIMARYLY	264,694	\$ 65,416
U.K., US)		

LUBRICATING PREPARATIONS

TOTAL	N/A	\$ 6,009
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OTHER PRODUCTS TOTALS

PITCH FROM COAL TAR, SHORT TONS	12	\$ 3,760
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PETROLEUM ASPHALT, SHORT TONS	10	\$ 385
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BITUMEN & MINERAL MIXTURES	N/A	\$ 39,481
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PETROLEUM JELLY, LBS	36,730	\$ 12,587
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MINERAL WAXES, LBS	48,847	\$ 6,388
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NON-LUBRICATING OILS	N/A	\$ 29,689
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MANUFACTURED NATURAL GAS	N/A	\$ 2,513
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4. LIBERIA'S SOLE REFINERY IS SET UP TO USE SAUDI ARABIAN OR SIMILAR "SOUR" CRUDE AND, AFTER BRIEF DISLOCATION IN DECEMBER CAUSED BY DELAYED TANKER, DOES NOT EXPECT PROBLEMS WITH CRUDE SUPPLY. MOST REFINERY OUTPUT IS FOR DOMESTIC MARKET. ONLY SIGNIFICANT EXPORT IS AUTOMOTIVE GASOLINE SHIPPED OVERLAND TO ISOLATED SOUTHEAST SECTOR OF GUINEA. SINCE LIBERIA ONLY CONVENIENT SUPPLIER THIS REGION, AND GOL AND GOG ON GOOD TERMS, TRADE EXPECTED CONTINUE.

5. LRC REPORTS THAT TIS EXPORTS IN CY 1973 WERE: (A) REGULAR GASOLINE, 103,500 U.S. GALLONS TO SIERRA LEONE AND 940,500 GALLONS TO GUINEA; (B) KEROSENE, 222,500 GALLONS TO GUINEA; (C) GAS OIL, 740,900 GALLONS TO GUIENA: AND (D) MANUFACTURED NATURAL GAS, 177,700 GALLONS TO SIERRA LEONE. IN ADDITION, IT SOLD 8,409,500 GALLONS OF JET FUEL TO INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC AND 1,899,500 GALLONS OF FUEL OIL AND 514,300 GALLONS OF GAS OIL FOR USE AS BUNKERS FOR SHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

6. LRC REPORTS THAT ITS CRUDE IMPORTS (BASED ON DATE OF LOADING) DURING THE NINE MONTHS JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1973 WERE 2,557,800

BARRELS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND 131,700 BARRELS FROM VENEZUELA.
CRUDE IMPORTS FOR LAST QUARTER OF 1973 (AGAIN BASED ON DATE
OF LOADING) WERE 1,000,700 BARRELS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND
195,600 BARRELS FROM LIBYA.

7. LRC REPORTED STOCKS ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973, TO
BE 111,652 BARRELS OF CRUDE AND 234,710 BARRELS OF REFINED
PRODUCTS.
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